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- (4) Conversely, segments of the population had a feeling that Djilas was acting either independently or that his expressions might represent the viewpoint of a few top Marxists who placed the country's welfare above party lines. Djilas may have had the sympathy of a few top men who deserted him when it was realized that he had transcended the limits of party flexibility.

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the more doctrinaire Communists in Yugoslavia have been left in a state of animated suspension for they have been accustomed to seeing self criticism in the Communist bureaucracy of the USSR.

- (5) Communist officials of the rural areas appeared to be in conformity with Djilas, however, once Djilas was purged the same officials followed the Belgrade pattern and quickly condemned him.

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- (6) in mid-1954 the whereabouts of Djilas was unascertained. It was believed that he was either dead or in solitary confinement. There were rumors that he had escaped into Western Europe.

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